

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers

February 11, 2013

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Patricia S. Baptiste, Chair	Present
Michael L. Denger, Vice Chair	Absent
Richard Ruda, Secretary	Present
Gary Crockett, Treasurer	Present
David L. Winstead, Board Member	Present

STAFF

Shana R. Davis-Cook, Village Manager	Present
John Fitzgerald, Police Chief	Present
Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations	Present
Demetri Protos, Finance Director	Present
Ellen Sands, Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator	Present
Jacqueline A. Parker, Public Safety Coordinator	Present

Ms. Patricia S. Baptiste, Chair of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2013

Minutes of the Board's regular meeting held on January 14, 2013 were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Baptiste requested the following amendments to the draft minutes:

- Page 5, line 22: change "intentions" to "decision"
- Page 5, insert at the end of line 23: "The Board will amend the Code regulations for the right-of-way mowing at its regular meeting held in March."

Mr. Crockett moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Managers' regular monthly meeting held on January 14, 2013, as amended. Mr. Winstead seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from the Board's Executive Session held on January 14, 2013

Minutes of the Board's Executive Session held on January 14, 2013.

Mr. Crockett moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Managers' Executive Session held on January 14, 2013, as drafted. Mr. Ruda seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Special Permit Requests

A-6263 (Special Permit): Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh, 24 Hesketh Street. Demolish a detached garage located in the rear (south) yard of the property.

Mr. Crockett moved to direct staff to draft a decision approving the special permit request to demolish a detached garage located in the rear (south) yard of the property. Mr. Ruda seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

A-6267 (a – d) (Special Permits): Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sternhall, 27 Primrose Street.

(a) Construct a new pair of cheekwalls alongside new steps in the Primrose Street public right-of-way. The proposed walls would terminate twelve (12) inches from the public sidewalk;

(b) Install a handrail measuring six (6) feet in length alongside the west side of the proposed steps. The proposed handrail would be located two (2) feet from the public sidewalk at its closest point.

(c) Install a lamp post in the Primrose Street public right-of-way. The proposed lamp post would be located alongside the west side of the proposed new walkway and would be located nine feet, two and three-quarters inches (9'-2¾") from the public sidewalk;

Mr. Crockett moved to direct staff to draft a decision approving the special permit request to construct a new pair of cheekwalls alongside new steps in the public right-of-way that would terminate twelve (12) inches from the public sidewalk; to install a handrail measuring six (6) feet in length alongside the west side of the proposed steps; to install a lamp post all in the Primrose Street public right-of-way. Mr. Winstead seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

(d) Replace a concrete driveway with a bluestone border the apron of which would measure a maximum of thirty-three (33) feet in length in front of the two car garage in the rear (north) yard of the property.

Mr. Crockett moved to direct staff to draft a decision approving the special permit request to replace a concrete driveway with a bluestone border the apron of which would measure a maximum of thirty-three (33) feet in length in front of the two car garage in the rear (north) yard of the property. Mr. Ruda seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

Police Report

The Police Report was distributed prior to the meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

Committee Appointments & Reports

Ms. Baptiste announced that the Board had accepted the Legal Service Review Committee's recommendation and has contracted with Suellen Ferguson as new outside Village Counsel.

Mary Sheehan, Chair of the Building Code Review Committee provided an update on the committee's activities. No action was taken by the Board.

Old Business & Status Reports**Staff Report and Board Discussion**

- Landscape Maintenance Contract – Chemical Use Program

Mr. Younes provided the Board with an overview of the chemical treatments (pesticide, fertilizer, etc.) currently authorized under the Village's landscape maintenance contract.

Mr. Charles Monk of Oliver Street addressed the Board outlining his concerns with the Village's continued use of herbicides and he urged the Board to use organic alternatives.

Dr. Marea E. Hatziolos, Co-Chair of the Energy and Environment and resident of West Irving Street raised concerns about the Village's current program and suggested that the Village lead by example and educate the community about alternatives to fertilizing and lawn care by eliminating the use of chemicals in Village parks and greenspaces.

The Board directed staff to advise the landscape contractor not to perform any treatments on Village parks and greenspaces until they receive further direction. Staff was further directed to investigate alternative treatments with the current landscaping company and to report back to the Board at its next regular meeting in March. The Board also requested that the landscape contractor could provide an expert to attend the Board's March meeting if available.

Mr. Winstead stepped out of the room at 8:29 p.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m.

Status Reports on:*Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan*

Ms. Baptiste reported that the County Council will hold a Public Hearing on March 5 regarding the draft Sector Plan. Before it was submitted to the Council, the Planning Board added

additional height and about 2.5 million additional square feet of development, than initially proposed. Some of the development will be post-Purple Line with the heights of buildings up to 150 feet. As a result of the proposed height, density, and traffic implications to the Village, Ms. Baptiste stated that she had signed up to testify on behalf of the Village. The Board had no objections to Ms. Baptiste testifying on behalf of the Village.

Accessory Apartment Legislation

Ms. Baptiste reported the changes to the proposed accessory apartment legislation. She noted that the changes were positive for the Village, but is a matter we will continue to monitor. The Board took no action at this time.

Rescheduling of the March Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Crockett moved to reschedule the March Regular Board Meeting to Monday, March 18, 2013 to allow the Board to convene following its hearing on a renewed exemption request before the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Ruda seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

New Business

None.

Manager's Report

The Manager's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. Winstead moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Ruda, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Winstead voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Secretary, Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers

Final.